

C L A I M S

1. A method for disconnecting a pipe length (22) from a pipe string (20) by means of a power tong (2), the power tong (2) being part of an assembly (1) which includes a back-up tong (4) and at least one guide column (10), the power tong (2) and back-up tong (4) being movable relative to each other along the guide column (10), and the connecting point (58) of the pipe string (20) being at a level in height outside the normal work area of the power tong (2), characterized in that the guide column (10) is disconnected from its chassis (12), after which the assembly (1) is moved to the connecting point (58).
2. A method in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the assembly (1) is moved away from the pipe string (20) after the pipe length (22) has been disconnected.